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Chairman DeAnn T. Walker
Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea
Commissioner Shelly Botkin
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Project 50664 – Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

TNMP continues to look for ways to help the communities that we serve respond to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease. Today, TNMP announced that six organizations have been awarded community safety grants to support response to COVID-19 and to assist senior citizens in areas served by Texas-New Mexico Power. The qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofits will be granted \$10,000 each by the TNMP Fund to help cover costs of addressing the pandemic's effect in their areas. We hope that these grants will help to provide support through this arduous time. Attached please find the press release issued by TNMP that summarizes TNMP's initiative.

Sincerely,

Stacy R. Whitehurst
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Enclosure



Texas-New Mexico Power

Press Release: April 20, 2020

Six \$10K Safety, COVID-19 Grants Awarded

LEWISVILLE, Texas – Six organizations have been awarded community safety grants to support response to COVID-19 and to assist senior citizens in areas served by Texas-New Mexico Power.

The qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofits will be granted \$10,000 each by the TNMP Fund to help cover costs of addressing the pandemic's effect in their areas.

"We were pleased to see organizations have been stepping up and making an impact in response to how the virus is affecting their communities," TNMP President Neal Walker said. "We look forward to learning about the fruit of their labors as this fight continues."

Recipient organizations

- **Alvin Volunteer Fire Department:** Purchase of personal protection equipment for firefighters and residents, including N95 masks, goggles, aprons, latex gloves and hand sanitizer.
- **Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home:** Performance of otherwise-routine tasks, including grocery shopping and post office visits, for residents sheltering in place at the Rainbow Retirement Community.
- **Galveston County Food Bank:** Funding home deliveries for seniors who continue to face food insecurity but who must shelter in place.
- **Montague County Carpenters Shop:** Funding for meals and delivery for senior and disabled community members, plus taking temperatures and providing safety tips and information updates on the pandemic.
- **Rotary Club of Friendswood Charitable Foundation:** Purchasing of meals from locally owned restaurants and delivery of them to senior citizens who are sheltering in place at home.
- **Sweeny Community Hospital Development Foundation:** Providing of meals, hygiene items, sanitizer, first aid kits and activities for senior citizens.

The TNMP Fund anticipates that the application window for TNMP Power Grants, a general grant program, will open in late summer.

Grants are awarded by the TNMP Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation, the nonprofit foundation of TNMP's parent company. No customer rate dollars are used to fund grants.

TNMP is a transmission and distribution service provider that delivers power to about 255,000 homes and businesses on behalf of retail electric providers in Texas. More information is available at tnmp.com/about-us.

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